

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers/Municipal Building**

PRESENT MAYOR ZIG MINTHA
 COUNCILLOR Charlotte Neitzel
 COUNCILLOR Bob Peltzer
 DEPUTY MAYOR Mervin Buckwald
 COUNCILLOR Cairine Cybulski
 CAO Bryan Martin

Absent:

Gallery: 6

CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Zig Mintha called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER – Recited

Mayor recited is annual address.

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA –

09.001 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel

SECONDED BY Mervin Buckwald

That: The agenda as amended be hereby accepted.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST – none

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from December 16, 2008 meeting for approval

09.002 MOVED BY Mervin Buckwald

SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT: The minutes of regular council meeting held on December 16, 2008 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

09.003 MOVED BY Cairine Cybulski

SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The minutes of the closed council meeting held on December 16th, 2008 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

Pecuniary Interest – None declared

DELEGATES - John Valiquette attended to provide council with a DVD from Save our Skyline regarding windmills.

REPORTS Bob Peltzer provided an oral report from this afternoons Public Works committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed.

09.004 MOVED BY Cairine Cybulski
SECONDED BY Mervin Buckwald

THAT: the Council of Bonnechere Valley Township support the Municipality of Clarington's resolution pertaining to Lottery Licensing and their request for streamlining the process. Our local Charitable Organizations are finding the work onerous and have voiced the sentiment on numerous occasions:

WHEREAS the Executive Council, under the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor, issued Order in Council 1413/08 regarding the lottery schemes:

AND WHEREAS the Order in Council 1413/08 provides the Municipality the option to issue lottery licenses provided that those licenses are issued within the Registrar's requirements, the proceeds from the lottery scheme will be issued for a charitable object or purposes providing a direct benefit to the residents of Ontario, and the proposed event will be conducted in accordance with the Gaming control Act, 12992 and its regulations;

AND WHEREAS By-Law 94-03, as amended, provides for the licensing of lottery events within the Municipality of Clarington;

AND WHEREAS Charitable works within our community are funded through various lottery activities;

AND WHEREAS the regulations set forth by the Alcohol and Gamin Commission of Ontario are very onerous, strict and time consuming for the Charitable organizations and the lottery licensing officers within the Municipal Clerk's Department;

AND WHEREAS it is understood that these strict rules are enforced to ensure that the lottery proceeds are applied towards approved charitable works;

AND WHEREAS the charitable organizations are finding it increasingly difficult for their volunteers to take on the necessary functions to comply with the AGCO's Terms and Conditions respecting lottery events;

AND WHEREAS in 2005 the AGCO initiated a project to modernize charitable gaming with the focus being on eight key areas for review including "streamlining/simplifying the application and reporting process:

AND WHEREAS no improvements have been made to streamline or simplify the application, reporting or administration processes respecting Break Open Tickets or Raffles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Clarington request the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to expedite its Modernization of Charitable Gaming Project, in particular the application, reporting and administration process respecting Break Open Tickets and Raffles and:

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, John O'Toole, MPP and all municipalities within Ontario seeking their endorsement.

Carried

09.005 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel
SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT: the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports AMO's recommendation as contained in their correspondence dated December 15, 2008 Alert No. 08/062, that Federal Finance Minister James Flaherty, and Federal Minister John Baird, Transport Infrastructure and Communities of Ontario, consider AMO's suggested important budget measures that help stimulate the economy, create jobs in Ontario, improve access to affordable housing and invest in the quality municipal infrastructure that serves as a foundation of the national economy;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to both of these Ministers for their consideration.

Carried

09.006 MOVED BY Cairine Cybulski
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: Correspondence be filed.

Carried

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

09.007 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer

SECONDED BY Mervin Buckwald

THAT: we agree to consider acting as a training facilitator for an employee of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan's water treatment facility. Carried

09.008 MOVED BY Cairine Cybulski

SECONDED BY Mervin Buckwald

THAT Council authorize Councillor Cairine Cybulski to apply for Canada Day "Celebrate Canada" Funding on behalf of the Canada organizing committee. Further that the Celebrate Canada Group Organizers be permitted to hold the festivities on municipal property. Carried

09.009 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer

SECONDED BY Mervin Buckwald

THAT: That Council adopt the following:

PREAMBLE:

Wind energy generation is a useful and potentially environmentally friendly method of augmenting our growing energy needs. At present, many municipalities across Ontario and the rest of Canada are considering numerous approvals for projects to harness this energy source. These projects are being undertaken mostly on private lands that cover terrains ranging from flat farmlands to mountains with heavy forest cover. Each application is being considered on a case-by-case basis with engineering and environmental reports being commissioned before decisions are made. However, the technical nature of the information in these reports is frequently beyond the ability of most municipal staff to comprehend in any meaningful way; therefore, we rely upon reviews by different engineers for interpretation. Even these reviewers do not have sufficient resources to undertake more than a casual review of the technical data and are unable to do much more than fact check the data. Some of the issues of greatest concern to the public, such as noise, economic impact and possible medical side effects, are little understood by the engineers as well as municipal councils and staffs, even after these reports and peer reviews are presented. Our tendency is to be dismissive of challenges to findings that show noise levels to be within Ministry of Environment guidelines. Supposed medical concerns are generally dismissed outright. This could be a costly mistake.

There is a growing body of concern around the world that there is a need for a more comprehensive study of the reported incidents of apparent adverse health reactions due to prolonged exposure to the environmental alterations caused by industrial wind generation projects. It is beyond the expertise of municipalities and the resources available to them to undertake any meaningful studies in this area. Additionally, it would be wasteful in terms of time, money and resources to study this issue on a project-by-project basis. The provincial and federal levels of government in conjunction with the international community need to determine the nature of these health concerns through scientific study in order to create guidelines for safe setback distances from residential and other sensitive occupancies.

Furthermore, there is concern that while there may be economic advantages to a community hosting industrial wind developments, there are also potential economic losses to tourism and to the property values of those living in proximity to them. There has been little study of the true economic impact of wind farms on the host community other than opinion surveys and one outdated real estate study conducted in 2003 by wind energy proponents. Given the growth of wind energy installations since that time there should be ample, verifiable data to create realistic, unbiased studies that could reasonably forecast the economic

pluses and minuses of industrial wind development. There is a role here for both the provincial and federal governments that is not currently being fulfilled.

Current policies allow industrial turbines to be installed in almost any location a municipality deems appropriate. Much of the public opposition to wind energy projects is rooted in a lack of apparent scientific information supporting current setbacks from dwellings and non-participating landowners. Added to this is a growing body of anecdotal evidence and small-scale medical studies that seem to demonstrate that the current provincial setback guidelines may be putting people at risk.

For these reasons we, the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley, put forward the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the production of energy from industrial wind turbines is an initiative generally supported by the public and governments through tax and other monetary incentives; and

WHEREAS, these projects are being considered in areas which normally do not allow the intermingling of industrial and other land usages; and

WHEREAS, these projects are expensive investments and by their nature, difficult to relocate should unforeseen problems develop; and

WHEREAS, these projects, once commissioned, are subject to site control at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the local level of government does not have the resources, expertise or time to properly determine the validity of the health, economic and other concerns being raised by concerned members of their community

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Province of Ontario be requested to impose a moratorium on all industrial wind turbine projects currently being considered until such time as the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Economic Development and Ministry of Tourism have time to review new medical, economic and environmental studies relating to industrial wind turbine development and undertake any additional studies or reviews necessary to create realistic guidelines to assure the health and economic well being of those living in proximity to industrial wind turbine developments.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we respectfully request the Province of Ontario to work in conjunction with federal ministries to provide the people of Ontario and Canada reasonable assurances that government guidelines and regulations for the wind power generation industry are the result of well researched, unbiased studies and can be relied upon to properly locate these developments in their communities without fear of adverse effect on their health or way of life.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to the Minister of the Environment, Minister of Health, Minister of Economic Development, Minister of Tourism, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all municipalities in Ontario, John Yakubuski, MPP and Cheryl Gallant, MP.

Mayor Mintha requested a recorded vote.

Recorded Vote

Charlotte Neitzel	YES	Mervin Buckwald	YES
Bob Peltzer	YES	Zig Mintha	NO
Cairine Cybulski	YES		

Carried

Waste Management – Mervin provided an update on the joint recycling group in Renfrew and advised that we are with the Recovery Center and are not interested in owning a second facility.

Broadband – Cairine provided an update on broadband

BY-LAWS

09.010 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer

SECONDED BY Charlotte Neitzel

THAT: By-Law 2009-001 being a By-Law to confirm the Proceedings of Council be read a first time, be deemed read a second time, be deemed read a third time and passed. Carried

ACCOUNTS RESOLUTION –(December)

09.011 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel

SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT: The Accounts for the month of December in the amount of \$254,656.00 be paid from the Bank of Montreal Eganville Branch. Carried

MEDIA SESSION - none

CLOSED SESSION – (1)

09.012 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel

SECONDED BY Cairine Cybulski

THAT: Council proceed in Closed Session to deal with a matter as indicated below:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board purposes. Carried

09.014 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer

SECONDED BY Charlotte Neitzel


THAT Council come out of Closed Session. Carried

ADJOURNMENT

09.015 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel

SECONDED BY BOB PELTZER

THAT: This Council meeting be hereby concluded at 9:50 p.m. Carried


Mayor Zig Mintha


Bryan Martin, C.A.O.